



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - August 1, 2003

- ***In the West***, showers and thunderstorms continue across the ***southern half of the region***, providing limited drought relief but causing localized flash flooding. In contrast, hot, dry weather continues to stress dryland agricultural interests across the ***Northwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, cooler air and beneficial showers are spreading southward across ***central portions of the region***, but hot, dry weather persists in ***Oklahoma*** and ***Texas***. Meanwhile, dry weather continues to stress immature small grains on the ***northern High Plains***, despite a return to more favorable temperatures.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, mild, showery weather continues to aid corn and soybeans, particularly those in or beyond the reproductive stage of development.
- ***In the South***, hot, dry weather favors summer crop maturations in areas ***west of the Delta***, while showers and thunderstorms are maintaining soggy conditions in parts of the ***Southeast***.

Outlook: Warm, humid, unstable air will trigger occasional showers across the ***eastern one-third of the Nation***, while a nearly stationary storm system in the ***upper Midwest*** will maintain unsettled weather and spark locally severe thunderstorms in the ***Corn Belt and central Plains***. Farther south, scattered showers will spread into the ***Delta and southern Plains***. In the ***West***, monsoon showers will persist in ***Southwest and central Rockies***, while hot, mostly dry conditions will linger in the ***northern Rockies and Northwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for August 6-10 calls for above-normal temperatures in ***northern portions of the Rockies and Plains, upper Midwest, New England***, and parts of the ***Southwest***. Cooler-than-normal weather is expected in ***coastal California, the Delta, and Tennessee and Ohio Valleys***. Wetter-than-normal weather is likely across the ***High Plains, Northwest***, and much of the ***South and East***, while below-normal precipitation is expected in the ***Southwest, Midwest, and southern parts of Texas and Florida***.

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